



Tax office provides free assistance for filing 2006 returns

Staff of the Beleastingkantor reminded island residents that the deadline for filing their 2006 tax returns is rapidly approaching, and assistance for filling out the forms is a free service offered by the tax office through certain weeks, beginning on August 6 until September 1.

Anselmo Croes, a member of the project team was joined by Angeline Giel, tax specialist and Meverly Romano-Kelly of Public Relations in making the announcement on Thursday morning. They remind the public that forms must be filed by September 3, or a petition to extend the filing date.

Free assistance is offered for individuals that are filing the simplified form, which applies to salaried employees earning a maximum of 50,000 Arubian florins per year, and for couples filing a joint return, a maximum combined earnings of 100,000 florins.

Enclosed with the tax returns delivered at island residences is a pink sheet with information about this service in both Dutch and Papiamentu. A team from the tax offices will be located at various venues around the island, and those wishing to take advantage of this service are advised to bring all pertinent documents (pay summery, interest statements, etc.) with them for filing the return, which can be done at the same time.

Locations for assistance are the Biblioteca Nacional in Oranjestad and the YMCA in San Nicolas. Beginning on August 6 until August 10 the tax office requests that ONLY individuals living on a pension use these services, which will be available from 8:00 AM until 3:30 PM daily, nonstop.

From Monday, August 20 through Saturday, August 25, they will assist in personal tax returns during the same house and at the locations mentioned above. Beginning Monday, August 27 through Saturday, September 1 they will be offering assistance at the Biblioteca Nacional in Oranjestad and the Club Don Bosco in Noord. Mr. Croes informed the press that the average team of tax experts will be about seven, but if the demand requires, they will increase personnel to assist the public in filing their returns.

This service is not available for businesses requiring more complicated returns, they advise those requiring to file such forms confer with accountants and tax consultants.

When receiving your tax forms, be sure to examine all the materials included in the package, in particular the white document that advises of changes in this year's return. For more information regarding filing returns visit the tax office website: www.siad.aw or call telephone #582-7376 and ask for extension 113 or 156.